



LITURGY

First reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

Response to the Psalm: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Second reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14



Dear Parishioners

Today's extract from Paul's lovely letter of joy to the Philippians - the last this year - shows the paradox of serenity in the midst of trouble. Paul had experienced life as it is for many of us: a mixture of poverty and plenty, joy and sadness, the valley of darkness as well as green pastures. Now he was in jail, knowing that any false move meant immediate death. The Philippians, hearing of Paul's problem, had sent Epaphroditus and financial help to sustain his needs. Paul here expressed his thanks but, paradoxically, communicated that he wasn't dependent upon their gift, and was serene. His serenity wasn't because of his own strength but, even in his current life-threatening situation, was because he had discovered the paradox that the Lord's power is made perfect in weakness. Paul was proud to be *God*-sufficient, instead of *self*-sufficient as others preached. As a *true* follower of Christ he joyfully accepted God's invitation to His party, at the same time realising that, as with the Eucharist, to share a meal is to accept a commitment to the person whose guest we are. In whatever hardship happens to us, we pray the beautiful words of today's Responsorial Psalm: "The Lord is my shepherd." That can provide us with the paradox of true serenity even in a sea of trouble.

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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**28th Week of (Year A)
Week commencing Sunday 15th October 2023**

Masses

Sat 14 th October	5.00pm	28 th Sunday Year (A)	Keith Cotterell RIP
Sun 15 th October	10.30am	28 th Sunday Year (A)	Norah Clarke RIP
Mon 16 th October			
Tues 17 th October		St. Ignatius of Antioch (mem)	
Wed 18 th October		St. Luke (Feast)	
Thur 19 th October			
Fri 20 th October			
Sat 21 st October	5.00pm	29 th Sunday Year (A)	Robert & Sarah Lamb RIP
Sun 22 nd October	10.30am	29 th Sunday Year (A)	John O'Brien RIP

Mass is celebrated privately daily except on Monday.

If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery, *please do not place it in the collection bag*. Thank you.

Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:

Derek Sollis, , Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield. Alan Clatworthy, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards,, Jill Spurrell, Stan Phipps, Judith Baylis, Rachel Severn, Jackie Gannon.

Those who have recently died: .

Doleen Evans, Jean Monica Tucker, Fr. John Fallon, Judy Husband Graham Janes, Elizabeth Watton, Maurice Andrews, Max Stoddart. Tony Lyons, Michael Russell, Mary Cross, Agnes McIlravey, Helen McCarthy, Patricia O'Brien, Pauline Burton, Mary Judith Smith (nee Hewitt), Wyn Varley, Raimondo Gemeli, Anthony Woodhouse, Barbara Woodhouse, Kathleen McLoughlin, Peter McGoldrick, Anthony Roache, Lionel Quigley. Keith John Francis Cotterell, Anna Rose McGoldrick, Mary Baker.

INFORMATION

.Sunday Coffee

Do please come and join us after Mass near the end of each month. The next coffee morning will be on Sunday 29th October. There will often be a small tabletop sale of priced items. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for coffee, cake and biscuits.

Second Collection

The weekly second collection will normally be for help towards the payment of the diocesan levy and the upkeep of the house and church buildings. Both the church and the house are Grade II listed so any work done has to be to a high standard as set by the requisite authority. Here are a few of the expenses for the coming year:

Diocesan Levy	£5,500 p.a.
Buildings and grounds upkeep	£24,000.00
Insurance	£3,744.77 p.a.

At times the second collection will be for other charities and the details of these will be placed in the bulletin.

Missio

There are Missio magazines at the back of the church for promoters to take and share. If you would like to bring in your red box to be emptied, please do so on the weekend of 28/29 October and leave them on the front bench after Mass in church. Many thanks.

Parish Safeguarding: Mrs. Helen Woodhouse

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Helen Woodhouse. They can be contacted at: sg.stmarys.studley@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern